--- 2/9th Pound - Series “C” - 290 x 20 mm. - scanned at 55% scale ---

The catalogue lists the 2/9th pound Series “C” strips as follows:

RP-925 - 2/9th pound, *fine roulette*, with 4 mm. blue control numbers

RP-1204† - 2/9th surcharged **4¢ / EXCISE / TAX** by BABN for the June 1942 Budget - *fine roulette* - **WANTED!**
RP-1615 - RP-1204 re-surcharged **8¢** plus three horizontal killers by BABN for March 1943 - *fine roulette*

The first listed *dated* use of **RP-925** (the *fine roulette* 2/9th pound strip) is from February 1940 by “Royal Canadian Tobacco”, Toronto. The hidden letters are “E-U”, and Chris Ryan reports that BABN submitted the die to Ottawa for approval on March 25th 1937. BABN reports that a plate contained 20 stamps – probably 2 x 10 impressions.

RP-925n - 2/9th pound, *fine roulette*, without control numbering

RP-925 - 2/9th pound, *fine roulette*, control **0503196**
Roller cancelled **1-10-D** by “Macdonald Tobacco”, Montreal

0396798★		RP-925	2/9th pound, fine roulette, rollered **1-10-D**
0503196★		RP-925	2/9th pound, fine roulette, rollered **1-10-D**
0800851		RP-925	2/9th pound, fine roulette, rollered **1-10-D**
0863845		RP-925	2/9th pound, fine roulette, rollered **1-1-E**
0946742	02/40	RP-925	2/9th pound, fine roulette, rollered **4-50-E / A-B-0**

For general distribution when the Budget of June 24th 1942 under the “Special War Measures Act” imposed an excise tax of 1¢ per ounce (or fraction thereof) on manufactured tobacco, BABN surcharged **RP-925** (the *fine roulette* 2/9th pound strip) with their three-line 3 mm. and 2 mm. Gothic **4¢ / EXCISE / TAX** as **RP-1204†**. The collection ***does not contain***, and I ***have not seen*** a copy - **WANTED!**

When the Budget of March 3rd 1943 doubled the *excise tax* from 1¢ to 2¢ per ounce, BABN re-surcharged **RP-1204** with a 3 mm. Gothic **8¢**, and three 7 mm. horizontally stacked *killers*, as **RP-1615**.

RP-1615 - **8¢** over **4¢ / EXCISE / TAX** on 2/9th pound, *fine roulette*, control **1452541** - scanned at 55% scale

1452541★	RP-1615	**8¢** over **4¢ / EXCISE / TAX** on 2/9th pound, fine roulette
1455598	RP-1615	**8¢** over **4¢ / EXCISE / TAX** on 2/9th pound, fine roulette
1506417★	RP-1615	**8¢** over **4¢ / EXCISE / TAX** on 2/9th pound, fine roulette, rollered **10-50-E**

In April 1947, the mandatory printing of the excise tax on the strips was terminated, however the same excise tax remained in effect, and over the following months the remainder of the surcharged strips were gradually consumed by the companies, until in late 1947 the use of **RP-925,** the un-surcharged *fine roulette* began again.

1591403 RP-925 2/9th pound, fine roulette, roller cancelled **10-50-E**

The control numbers on the 2/9th pound strip have run through the introductory sequences from **0000001** to **1591403** - so at this point the 2/9th pound total is 1,591,403 strips.

Apparently for the Budget of March 1943 BABN ***did not prepare*** a general distribution three line **8¢ / EXCISE / TAX** dark blue surcharge on the 2/9th pound Series "C", nor was there a 2/9th pound strip in the "Series of 1942".

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